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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 6 February 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 6 March 2003. Seven groups were proposed.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group IV, claims 1-13 (in part), 15-38 (in part) and 42-44 (in part) drawn to piperazine compounds. This election is made without traverse. It does not appear an election of species is required; if this was somehow overlooked, applicants elect the last species on page 89 of list 2A. Applicants understand that in the event of finding allowability of a generic claim, additional species will be rejoined.

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